

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO STEPHANIE VENDIG

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

Today, I proudly recognize the outstanding work and contributions of Stephanie Vendig of Silver Lake, California. Although retired, Stephanie continuously directs her efforts towards giving back to her community through her advocacy and exceptional leadership.

Ms. Vendig attended the University of California, Berkeley, where she graduated with a B.A. in 1959. In addition to credentials to teach the disabled and elementary school students, she continued her education and received a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education from the California State University, Northridge. Stephanie started her teaching career in San Francisco, and began teaching the disabled when she moved to Los Angeles. In addition, Stephanie became involved with the Los Angeles Unified School District's Division of Special Education as a consultant, where she trained special education teachers and developed programs serving young children with special needs. In 1980, Stephanie joined the Youth and Family Center which provides services for parenting and pregnant teens, and retired from the agency in 1996 as Interim Executive Director.

Stephanie has also served as President of the Silver Lake Senior Club, which is now the Griffith Park Adult Community Club, GPACC, and has been a steadfast advocate for senior citizens. Currently, Stephanie is involved in program development at GPACC, where she is chairing a committee to advocate for the expansion of their facility, since they are outgrowing their current facility. Furthermore, she is a columnist for the Los Feliz Ledger, and serves as a Board Member of the Silver Lake Improvement Association.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Stephanie Vendig, for her exceptional, unwavering, and tireless support and service to the community.

HONORING THE MARTIN'S MILL LADY MUSTANGS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the Martin's Mill Lady Mus-

tangs basketball team, which won the Texas Class A Division I High School Basketball Championship on March 2, 2013. This victory marked the third time since 2006 the Lady Mustangs have captured the title.

I would like to especially recognize team members Alyssa Pate, Brienne Miller, Hannah Celsur, Cassidy McCoy, Taylor Munns, Haily Jenkins, Bailey Caldwell, Cheyenne Brown, Madison Daniel, Meagan Weatherford, and Hailey Hawes. I would also like to recognize Head Coach Doug Barncastle; Assistant Coaches Laura Jenkins and Don Tarrant; and Managers Hailey Celsur, Jacee Greenlee, Jillian Jones, Megan Lafleur, and Adrianna Weatherford.

On behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to congratulate the Martin's Mill Lady Mustangs—both players and coaches—for their talent, dedication, and exceptional performance. I am confident that this is an accomplishment these young ladies will remember for the rest of their lives.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA REILLY McDEVITT

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent Virginia Reilly McDevitt and her classmates on the 50th anniversary of their graduation from the New York Methodist Hospital School of Nursing.

New York's Methodist Hospital, America's first Methodist hospital, opened in Brooklyn's Park Slope section in 1881. Its nursing school opened shortly thereafter in 1888. For years, nurses prepared at the Methodist Hospital to serve throughout the world, wherever the country might have need.

In 1963, Virginia McDevitt joined the ranks of New York Methodist Hospital's esteemed graduates.

Today Virginia McDevitt puts her New York Methodist Hospital education to work serving as a home health and hospice nurse in Davie County, North Carolina. In the communities of Davie County she is well-regarded for the caliber of her care, the excellence of her work, and the pride she takes serving patients and their families even in life's most challenging times.

Congratulations are certainly due to Virginia McDevitt and the New York Methodist Hospital Nursing School class of 1963.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday April 15, 2013, I was unable to be present for three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on rollcall No. 103 (on passage of H.R. 1162);

"Yes" on rollcall No. 104 (on passage of H.R. 882); and

"No" on rollcall No. 105 (on passage of H.R. 249).

A TRIBUTE TO ROSIE BETANZOS

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Today, I want to acknowledge and recognize the exemplary work of Rosie Betanzos, who is widely known as a vibrant member of the Echo Park community. Born and raised in Echo Park, Rosie is happily married to her husband, Ceasar Betanzos, and they have two children.

After Rosie's establishment of the Echo Park Improvement Association in 1988, which was the first crime prevention organization in Echo Park, crime was reduced by 80 percent as a result of community involvement. Rosie has served as a Top Peer Counselor for John Marshall High School and has been involved with the Los Angeles Police Stop-In-Location volunteer unit in Echo Park. In 2009, Rosie coordinated and directed the Echo Park Lotus Festival.

Currently, Rosie serves as a Board Member of the Los Angeles Police Department's Northeast Area Community Police Advisory Board. She also coordinates and directs an annual block party representing the Northeast Police Station, and serves as a Board Officer of the Echo Park Chamber of Commerce, where she coordinates the Taste of Echo Park fundraiser. Rosie is also the owner of the Echo Park Trading Post, and is influential as a coach and mentor in business consulting in business décor and customer service.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Rosie Betanzos, for her exceptional service and continuous dedication to the community.

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